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Purchasing Service Agreement RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the United States General Services Administration's State and Local Law Enforcement Equipment Procurement Program (1122 Program) with LENCO ARMORED VEHICLES, Pittsfield, MA, for the purchase of an armored vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$219,495.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved an Alexander Compartment, Special Revenue Fund: Homeland Security Grant.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

(dick to open) No Attachments Available For More Information: Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer/974-2995

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of a LENCO BearCat (Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck) armored vehicle for the Austin Police Department (APD) SWAT Team.

This grant-funded purchase will update current equipment in use at the Department. APD currently owns three Peacekeeper armored vehicles obtained from military surplus, all of which are at least 25 years old and frequently have mechanical problems. The BearCat comes mounted on a Ford F550 truck chasis equipped with four wheel drive and is designed as a heavy duty commercial alternative to the Peacekeeper. The BearCat will provide a reliable protective vehicle for tactical operations conducted by the SWAT team. The BearCat offers ballistic protection that is superior to the Peacekeeper, further ensuring the safety of police officers operating this equipment.

The General Services Administration (GSA) 1122 program is designed to provide law enforcement agencies with access to Federal contracts for the purchase of goods and services. These products and services have been competitively bid by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.